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Preparing for the Silver Tsunami

Fairfax County projects a dramatic increase in its older population over the next few decades. By 2020, more than 353,000 residents will be over 50 and more than 87,000 will be over 70. By 2030, more than 385,000 will be over 50 and more than 105,000 will be over 70 an increase of 40 percent and 88 percent over 2005. These changes will present enormous challenges to our businesses and residents. As older adults live and work longer, our community must prepare for these changes.

Building on the work of former Supervisor Dana Kauffman and the 2007 Board of Supervisors, as Chair of the Board's 50+ Committee, I am leading an effort along with the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging to revise our ground breaking 50+ plan and prepare for the Silver Tsunami.

This summer, we are hosting community forums throughout the county to hear what residents have to say. The three focus areas include: **housing & transportation; easy access to services; and healthy lifestyles & community engagement.**

These forums are provided to give our older adults, future older adults, caregivers, businesses, faith communities, non-profit partners and other community members a chance to provide input to this plan.

Forums will be held throughout the county. The most convenient for Springfield District residents are on June 3rd, at 10:30am in the Chantilly Regional Library, and on June 5th, at 5pm in the West Springfield Governmental Center.

For full details, to register, and to see all other community forums on the silver tsunami please visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hocode/EReg/Registration.aspx?groupID=11>

Final Section of the Parkway Repaving Underway

On Sunday night, May 19, crews started the final milling and surface paving at the Fairfax County Parkway/Fair Lakes Parkway interchange project. Drivers can expect single-lane closures and detours onto Fair Lakes Circle from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Friday nights.

Crews will begin work on the Fair Lakes Parkway and continue to the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286) from Route 29 to Rugby Road. The paving is expected to take about eight weeks to complete.

The new interchange improves pedestrian and cycle access, widens more than three miles of the Fairfax County Parkway, and improves traffic flow by separating local and Parkway traffic through this busy area.

The entire project is scheduled for completion in October 2013.

Visit the VDOT project page:

http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/fairfax_county_parkway-fair_lakes.asp for more information.

VDOT Safety Project on Northbound Rolling Road at Old Keene Mill Road

Many residents have contacted my office regarding this project; it started in April and then abruptly stopped, resulting in back-ups even worse than normal at this location.

The roadwork underway is part of a Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) roadway safety improvement project to decrease the number of rear end collisions and improve sight distance at the location. The work was put on hold while VDOT finalized foundation plans and while they waited for a new traffic signal pole to be delivered.

According to the VDOT project manager, Giles Njumbe, the foundation work for the new pole and some minor asphalt work is underway. Once the foundation has been poured it will be approximately 1-2 weeks before the pole is set. The project should be completed by early June.

Burned House on Etta Drive to be Demolished

Our office has received many questions about the house that caught on fire at 8725 Etta Drive. I am happy to report that the demolition of the house is now underway.

Many residents complained that the house was an eyesore and a blight. Thank you for your patience while the County's Code Compliance and Permits teams worked through the process with the homeowners and their insurance company to resolve this problem. If you have more questions please contact John in my office at john.nolan@fairfaxcounty.gov

Upcoming Events

Stringfellow Road Park and Ride Expansion Project Community Meeting Tonight

A meeting will be held this evening at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Rocky Run Middle School, located at 4400 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly, to provide information on the upcoming project to expand the Stringfellow Road Park and Ride Lot.

The improvements include an expansion of the existing Park and Ride lot by 300 spaces, the addition of three new bus bays, and a new transit center building.

For more information, contact the Project Manager, Roxanne Tomlinson with the Fairfax County Building Design Branch at 703-324-5495. The day after the meeting, the presentation will be available on my website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/events.htm>

Memorial Day Ceremony at Ox Hill Battlefield Park, Monday, May 27

Join the Ancient Order of Hibernians (Father Wm. Corby Division) in honoring the fallen Civil War soldiers of the Battle of Ox Hill/Chantilly. Ceremony includes speeches, music, and presentation of the colors and a wreath at the Ox Hill monuments. All ages welcome; please bring a lawn chair. For more information about the Battle of Ox Hill, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/oxhill/>.

Date: Monday, May 27, 2013

Time: 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Address: 4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA

Admission: FREE

Above & Beyond: First Responders' Benefit Luncheon, Monday, June 3

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce will honor Fairfax County firefighters, EMTs, police officers and sheriff's deputies who give back to the greater Springfield area by providing service to the community above and beyond their duty.

Leon Harris, award winning journalist and ABC7 anchor, will emcee the event.

Residents and business leaders are invited to help recognize and honor these worthy public safety officials.

The Event takes place from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Springfield Golf and Country Club on June 3rd. You can Register online at this link -

http://business.springfieldchamber.org/events/details/awards-lunch-1679?utm_source=First+Responders+Benefit+Lunch+-+June+3+%283%29&utm_campaign=Above+%26+Beyond+Lunch+%282%29&utm_medium=email

Tickets are \$50 per person. 10% discount for active duty military, police, fire and sheriff personnel. Net proceeds benefit Fairfax County police, fire and sheriffs fund and the Chamber's scholarship fund.